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Dear Hal,

Thanks for your valuable mailing dated 4/22. It arrived after my 4/27 departure for New Orleans. I returned last night and am more than ever snowed under. Stewart is particularly interesting. I'm not following Veganov closely but am interested.

I think I was able to help in N.O. When I see you I'll give you details. I developed my own sources, which were frutiful. I worked with Garrison and his staff and testified for three hours ebfore the grand jury, which I regard as one of the fortunate accidents of our history. Garrison and his men are dedicated and sincere, hard-working and well-informed. I think they will get convinctions. The major difference between them and me is in their belief all the Oswald appearances in New Orleans were by the real one. I think they are open-minded. They are as persuaded as I about the Cuban-refugee involvement and developed information I do not have that I think is very good and very important. They agree on FBI and CIA involvement.

They want me to go back and I shall when I finish my Manchester ms, unless they call me earlier. They are calling Ray soon and I hope they will call others, as I urged.

Please tell Harve and Joe I was there and while I will not discuss what transpired before the grand jury there is much else that will interest them. I never heard from the man Joe said would call, I presume his night-time successor (Haar?) If I get a chance when he's in I'll call Harve.

My first witness is going before the grand jury at his own request. He burns. Most ofx the others do not want to get involved, and Garrison hates this with passion. He is being opposed by powerful forces, with some success in the disappearance of witnesses and evidence and in the press. I have every expectation that his local press will improve, now. I have good relations with four of the men, and they are working on their own and with good results, as they should but usually do not. Gordon Novel now proclaims that he was CIA and that will be his defense. There are no doubts about the munitions raid, which you will see in some detail in my new book. There are other visible CIA involvements. I have evidence that CIA is paying for the lawyers for four reluctant witnesses. Shaw is the queen bee of the homosexuals. He inherited the throne from the man who raised him and in death made him wealthy. Much more I cannot how go into. But I am happy that save when I was with the press I was escorted, from when I was photographing Pena's bar Bringuier came out and tried to start a fight. He is insane. I was treated very well. I think all who can help will be welcome. I shall do all I can. When I left Garrison told two newsmen who were present, "Harold is one of the best things that happened to us." Made me feel good. Liebeler is taking up the cudgels against him. Wonderful! Keep me posted if you hear anything. Thanks and regards to everyone.